

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 791

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Gayle Gillespie on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize, particularly on the occasions of their retirements, those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Gillespie is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-five years as a first grade teacher at Homer Pittard Campus School, Mrs. Gillespie is taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, in her position with Homer Pittard Campus School, Gayle Gillespie proved to be an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, in the course of her career, Gayle Gillespie also worked as an adjunct faculty member for Middle Tennessee State University, a special education teacher at Eagleville School, and a second grade teacher at Holy Rosary Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gillespie received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Gillespie is a member of the Rutherford Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, National Education Association, Mary Tom Berry Reading Council, International Reading Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Epsilon Chapter, a committee member and co-chair of National Adult Learning Survey Southeast Regional Meeting, and a participant in the Bureau of Education and Research's "Practical Co-Teaching Strategies"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gillespie feels fortunate to have enjoyed the loving companionship of her late husband, Dr. George Clifford Gillespie, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Gillespie is the proud mother of Matthew Gillespie and wife, Mary Gillespie, Lauren Gillespie Agee and husband, Kelly Agee, and Michael Gillespie; and grandmother to Holt Gillespie, Cari Beth Gillespie, Ella Agee, and George Agee; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Gillespie truly epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Gayle Gillespie on the occasion of her retirement for providing exceptional service to the children of Tennessee. We further salute her for her professional expertise and personal excellence and extend to her our warmest wishes for all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.